

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:16-cv-02369-ABJ**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Assigned to: Judge Amy Berman Jackson
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 12/05/2016

Jury Demand: Defendant

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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12/05/2016	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE with Jury Demand (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-4764781) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons US DOJ, # <u>3</u> Summons US Attorney for DC, # <u>4</u> Summons US Attorney General)(Rothstein, David) (Entered: 12/05/2016)
12/05/2016	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Rothstein, David) (Entered: 12/05/2016)
12/06/2016		Case Assigned to Judge Randolph D. Moss. (sb) (Entered: 12/06/2016)
12/06/2016	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Consent Form)(sb) (Entered: 12/06/2016)
12/06/2016	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER: See attached document. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 12/6/2016. (lcrdm3,) (Entered: 12/06/2016)
12/12/2016	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 12/12/2016. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 1/11/2017.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 12/12/2016., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 12/12/2016 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of C. Rotaru)(Rothstein, David) (Entered: 12/12/2016)
01/11/2017	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Lopez-Morales, Cesar) (Entered: 01/11/2017)
01/11/2017		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to appear for a status conference on January 24, 2017, at 2:30 p.m., to discuss the next stage of the litigation. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 1/11/2017. (lcrdm3,) (Entered: 01/11/2017)
01/12/2017		Set/Reset Hearings: A Status Conference is set for 1/24/2017, at 2:30 PM, in Courtroom 21, before Judge Randolph D. Moss. (kt) (Entered: 01/12/2017)
01/17/2017	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Michael Bekesha on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 01/17/2017)
01/24/2017		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Randolph D. Moss: Status Conference held on 1/24/2017. Order forthcoming setting a further status conference. (Court Reporter: Cathryn Jones). (kt) (Entered: 01/24/2017)
01/25/2017		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to appear for a further status conference on February 7, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 1/25/2017. (lcrdm3,) (Entered: 01/25/2017)
01/26/2017		Set/Reset Hearings: A Status Conference is set for 2/7/2017, at 10:00 AM, in Courtroom 21, before Judge Randolph D. Moss. (kt) (Entered: 01/26/2017)
02/07/2017		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Randolph D. Moss: Status Conference held on 2/7/2017. Issues addressed. (Court Reporter: Jeff Hook). (kt) (Entered: 02/07/2017)
02/07/2017	<u>8</u>	TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS before Judge Randolph D. Moss held on January 24, 2017; Page Numbers: 1 – 45. Court Reporter/Transcriber Cathryn Jones, Telephone number 202 354-3246, Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the Transcript Order Form<P></P><P></P>For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi-page, condensed, CD or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter.<P> NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty-one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov.<P></P>Redaction Request due

		2/28/2017. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 3/10/2017. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 5/8/2017.(Jones, Cathryn) (Entered: 02/07/2017)
02/16/2017	<u>9</u>	<p>TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS before Judge Randolph D. Moss held on February 7, 2017; Page Numbers: 1 – 31. Date of Issuance: February 16, 2017. Court Reporter: Jeff Hook. Telephone number: 202–354–3373. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the <u>Transcript Order Form</u></p> <p>For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi–page, condensed, CD or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter.</p> <p>NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty–one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov.</p> <p>Redaction Request due 3/9/2017. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 3/19/2017. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 5/17/2017.(Hook, Jeff) (Entered: 02/16/2017)</p>
09/15/2017		Case directly reassigned to Judge Timothy J. Kelly. Judge Randolph D. Moss is no longer assigned to the case. (ztnr) (Entered: 09/15/2017)
11/02/2017	<u>10</u>	Case randomly reassigned to Judge Amy Berman Jackson. Judge Timothy J. Kelly is no longer assigned to the case. (ztnr) (Entered: 11/03/2017)
04/06/2018	<u>11</u>	Order. Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of Local Civil Rule 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure appear to be inapplicable. Defendant shall file a dispositive motion or, in the alternative, a report setting forth the schedule for the completion of its production of documents to plaintiff, on or before May 4, 2018. See Order for details. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 4/6/2018. (lcabj2) (Entered: 04/06/2018)
05/04/2018	<u>12</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Lopez–Morales, Cesar) (Entered: 05/04/2018)
05/14/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Defendant must file another status report by September 28, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 5/14/2018. (lcabj2) (Entered: 05/14/2018)
09/28/2018	<u>13</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Lopez–Morales, Cesar) (Entered: 09/28/2018)
09/30/2018	<u>14</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by Cesar A. Lopez–Morales (Lopez–Morales, Cesar) (Entered: 09/30/2018)
10/01/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The government must file another status report by January 18, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 10/01/2018. (lcabj2) (Entered: 10/01/2018)
12/27/2018	<u>15</u>	Consent MOTION to Stay <i>FOIA Production and Status Report Deadlines In Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Lopez–Morales, Cesar) (Entered: 12/27/2018)
12/28/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>15</u> Motion to Stay. Defendant must notify the Court within two business days of the resumption of government operations and propose a revised schedule for the production of documents and filing of a status report, if necessary, at that time. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 12/28/2018. (lcabj2) (Entered: 12/28/2018)
01/29/2019	<u>16</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>file Status Report and Notice of Restoration of Appropriations</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Lopez–Morales, Cesar) (Entered: 01/29/2019)

01/30/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>16</u> Motion for Extension of Time to. The Court's December 28, 2018 minute order granting a stay of this case is hereby lifted. Defendant must file a status report on February 7, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 1/30/2019. (lcabj2) (Entered: 01/30/2019)
02/07/2019	<u>17</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Lopez-Morales, Cesar) (Entered: 02/07/2019)
02/19/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Defendant must file another status report by May 8, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 2/19/2019. (lcabj2) (Entered: 02/19/2019)
05/08/2019	<u>18</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Lopez-Morales, Cesar) (Entered: 05/08/2019)
05/09/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Defendant must file another status report by August 26, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 5/9/2019. (lcabj2) (Entered: 05/09/2019)
08/09/2019	<u>19</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Carol Federighi on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Substituting for attorney Cesar A. Lopez-Morales (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 08/09/2019)
08/26/2019	<u>20</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 08/26/2019)